

REMARKS

These Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed May 12, 2005. Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11-18 are currently pending, Claims 3 and 10 have been canceled without prejudice to the Applicant's right to bring the claims in a later continuation application. Claim 8 has been amended to overcome its rejection for lacking antecedent basis. Claim 11 has been amended to correct its dependency. It is believed that no new matter has been added by way of amendment.

In the Office action Claims 1, 2, 4-9, and 11-18 were rejected as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Office action took the position that the limitation that the user not be required to touch any portion of the air conditioner other than the handle as new matter. Likewise, the limitation added to claims 4 and 11, namely, "an outer periphery of said user-liftable handle generally have a same shape" was regarded as new matter.

Applicant respectfully submits that support is provided in the specification for both limitations. For example, Figure 2 illustrates an embodiment of the device in which a user liftable handle 112 is connected to a removable second electrode 240. The figure at 2A shows that the lift handle 112 is accessible to a user and that access is from outside the housing. Support is also provided in the specification at paragraph 35 where handle 112 is called user-liftable and also in the last sentence of that paragraph, for example. In this embodiment it can clearly be seen that there is no requirement for the user to touch any portion of the air conditioner system other than said handle, as required by the claim. Support can also be found in Figure 2 for the limitation requiring that the "opening in said top surface of said housing and an outer periphery of said user-liftable handle generally have a same shape." As can be seen from the illustration, the outer periphery of Lift Handle 112 has the same shape as the outer periphery of the opening in the top surface of the housing. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the basis for the rejection be reconsidered and that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 8 has been amended such that it no longer requires antecedent support and Claim 11 has been amended to correct its dependency such that it now depends from claim 9. In view of these limitations it is believed that the rejection to these claims are now moot.

With respect to the provisional double patenting rejection, Applicant has enclosed a Power of Attorney and a terminal disclaimer.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of this application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment of fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 02-1818

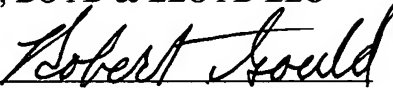
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(order no. 112440-770) for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

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